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ATTENTION: APPLICATION BRANCH

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a petition to withdraw abandonment of application.

Serial No.: 09/650,625

Filing Date: August 30, 2000

Inventor(s): Hideyuki Sakai

For: FLEXIBLE CONVEYOR RAIL

Examiner: James R. Bidwell

Art Unit: 3651

Enclosed are:

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Hon. Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is to petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment for the instant case. The undersigned received a Notice of Abandonment dated April 23, 2002 which states that Applicant failed to pay the required issue fee in response to the Notice of Allowance.

In fact, the undersigned has never received a Notice of Allowance in the instant case from the Patent Office. This is to verify that it is a customary for the undersigned to attach an office communication to a case file, send a copy to a client, and put the file on an assigned shelf in the office when the office action requires any response. This is also to verify that according to the search throughout the office of the undersigned, it is clear that the Notice of Allowance has never delivered to the undersigned's mail box.

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Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the notice of abandonment be withdrawn. Applicant also requests that a copy of the Notice of Allowance be sent to the undersigned. A copy of the notice of abandonment is attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
MURAMATSU & ASSOCIATES

Dated: 10/28/2002

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**NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

This application is abandoned in view of:

- Applicant's failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- A response (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) was received on \_\_\_\_\_, which is after the expiration of the period for response (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
- A proposed response was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper response to the final rejection.

(A proper response to a final rejection consists only of: a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; a Notice of Appeal; or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.62 (FWC)).

- No response has been received.
- Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.

- The issue fee (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) was received on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The submitted issue fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- The issue fee has not been received.

- Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability.
- Proposed new formal drawings (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) were received on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The proposed new formal drawings filed \_\_\_\_\_ are not acceptable.
- No proposed new formal drawings have been received.
- The express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.62(g) in favor of the FWC application filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
- The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
- The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- The reason(s) below:

ABANDONMENT  
CONTACT PERSON IS:  
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